MOTION FOR ELECTION TO THE COMMITTEE ON PUBLIC ACCOUNTS

THE MINISTER OF STATE OF THE MINISTRY OF SCIENCE AND TECHNOLOGY; THE MINISTER OF STATE OF THE MINISTRY OF EARTH SCIENCES; THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE PRIME MINISTER'S OFFICES; MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF PERSONNEL, PUBLIC GRIEVENCES AND PENSIONS, AND THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF PARLIAMENTARY AFFAIRS (SHRI PRITHVIRAJ CHAVAN) : Sir, I move the following Motion:

"That this House concurs in the recommendation of the Lok Sabha that the Rajya Sabha do agree to nominate seven Members from Rajya Sabha to associate with the Committee on Public Accounts of the Lok Sabha for the term ending on the 30th April, 2010 and do proceed to elect, in such manner as the Chairman may direct, seven Members from amongst the Members of the House to serve on the said Committee."

The question was put and the motion was adopted.

STATEMENT BY MINISTER

Status of implementation of recommendations in the Twenty-seventh Report of Department related Parliamentary Standing Committee on Chemicals and Fertilizers, 2008-09

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF CHEMICALS AND FERTILIZERS (SHRI SRIKANT JENA): Sir, I beg to lay a statement regarding status of implementation of recommendations contained in the Twenty-seventh Report of the Department-related Parliamentary Standing Committee on Chemicals and Fertilizers, 2008-09.

STATEMENT REGARDING GOVERNMENT BUSINESS

THE MINISTER OF STATE OF THE MINISTRY OF SCIENCE AND TECHNOLOGY; THE MINISTER OF STATE OF THE MINISTRY OF EARTH SCIENCES; THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE PRIME MINISTER'S OFFICES; MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF PERSONNEL, PUBLIC GRIEVENCES AND PENSIONS, AND THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF PARLIAMENTARY AFFAIRS (SHRI PRITHVIRAJ CHAVAN) : Sir, With your permission, I rise to announce that the Government Business during the week commencing Monday, the 13th of July, 2009 will consist of:-

(iv) Consideration of any item of Government Business carried over from today's Order Paper.

(v) General Discussion on Budget (General) for 2009-10.

(vi) Consideration and return of the Appropriation Bill relating to the Demands for Excess Grants (General) for 2006-07, after it is passed by Lok Sabha.

(vii) Discussion on the Statutory Resolution seeking approval for the continuance in force of the Proclamation dated 19.01.2009 in respect of the State of Jharkhand, issued under Article 356

of the Constitution by the President, for a further period of six months with effect from 19th July, 2009.

(viii) General Discussion on Jharkhand Budget for 2009-10.

(ix) Consideration and return of the Jharkhand Appropriation (No.2) Bill, 2009, after it is passed by Lok Sabha.

(x) Consideration and passing of the Right of Children to Free and Compulsory Education Bill, 2008.

CALLING ATTENTION TO A MATTER OF URGENT PUBLIC IMPORTANCE

Situation arising due to disturbance of peace in North Cachar Hills district of Assam

MR. DEPUTY CHAIRMAN: Now, Calling Attention to Matters of Urgent Public Importance. Shri Khekiko Zhimomi.

SHRI KHEKIHO ZHIMOMI (Nagaland): Sir, I beg to call the attention of the hon. Minister of Home Affairs to the situation arising due to disturbance of peace in the North Cachar Hills District of Assam.

THE MINISTER OF HOME AFFAIRS (SHRI P. CHIDAMBARAM): Mr. Deputy Chairman, Sir, the North Cachar Hills District of Assam with an area of 4,888 sq. km. is densely forested. It is sparsely populated, with a majority of the total population of 1.51 lakh (2001 Census) belonging to the Dimasa tribe. The other major tribes are Zemie Naga, Hmar and Kuki.

There has been ethnic tension in the NC Hills District between Zemi Naga tribes and Dimasas since March, 2009 following the killing of 4 Zemi Naga tribals in Mahur Sub-division between March 19 to 23, 2009. The cadres of a Dimasa militant outfit, Dima Halam Daogah (Joel group), who had been indulging in large-scale violence in the last two to three years, were suspected to be behind the incident. Some Nagas migrated to Tousem sub-division, Tamenglong District in Manipur.

Seven persons belonging to the Dimasa community were killed and 97 houses were burnt by Naga extremists suspected to be cadres of NSCN factions between 28th April, 2009 and 9th May, 2009 in the NC Hills District.

The violence perpetrated by the militants belonging to both Dimasa and Naga tribes has continued to occur on a regular basis. As per report received from the Government of Assam, 63 persons have been killed of whom 39 belong to the Naga community and 24 to the Dimasa community. 528 houses have been burnt of which 228 belonged to Nagas and 300 to Dimasas. The Government of Assam has set up 32 relief camps and is providing gratuitous relief. At present, 11,737 persons are staying in the relief camps. Among them, 6,841 persons belong to the Naga community and 4,896 belong to the Dimasa and other communities.